# **ERTAC Tool Logic and Flowcharts**

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# **PRESENTATION OVERVIEW**

#### Preprocessor Functions

- 🗆 Data QA
- Data manipulations
- Calculations

### Projection Processor Functions

- □ Generation calculations
- Generation deficit units defined, if needed
- Excess power redistribution-Two step process
- Emission calculations
- Post Processors
- Questions?



# **Preprocessor Functions**

- Need for preprocessing
- Preprocessing allows improved projection outputs
- Basic functions:
  - □ Hourly CAMD data update to remove non-EGUs
  - Examine data outliers
  - □ Sets up base year (BY) structure
  - Examines input files





#### Preprocessor

#### Creates a **preprocessor log** <u>file</u>

Important for QAImproves input files

• Files from the preprocessor are fed to the processor



# Calculates future generation

- □ By region and fuel/unit type
- Outputs are modular

# Capacity deficit check

- □ May generate generation deficit units
- Treated as new units, with profiles
- Grows all existing units based on hourly growth rates
- Determines if there is excess generation in any hour





- Capacity check
   GDUs
   May require
  - recalculation
- Grow existing units for each hour of the year
- Creation of Excess Generation Pool
   (ExGen)

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### Distributes ExGen

#### Two step distribution

- Optimal threshold
- □ Maximum threshold
- Activity for a unit depends on
  - Growth rates,
  - □ New units,
  - □ Retired units,
  - Capacity constraints on other existing units





- Spinning reserve check
- Additional capacity available up to 100% of largest unit on line
- Sends up a red flag if reserve requirements are not met







- Calculates emissions
- Compares state and regional emissions against supplied caps
- Sends up a red flag caps are not met
- Does <u>not</u> currently assign toolgenerated controls to ensure caps are met



# **Projection Processor Notes**

- Future year (FY) activity is firmly grounded in BY meteorology
- Many FY estimates may be adjusted by region and fuel unit type bin in the input\_variables
- NonCAMD units may be included IF:
   Hourly BY activity data in a CAMD-like format exists
  - □ AEO/NERC growth rates are applicable to the unit
- Creates a processor log file
- Output files are quite large (hourly data):
  - **3,000-4,000 units, most with 8,760 hours of data;**
  - Input and output files each several gigabytes (about 16 GB total)



# **Post Processors**

- Several have been developed
- Aids in data review and trouble shooting
- Output files are large, but can be manipulated in very interesting ways



## **Graphical Post Processor**





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# **Enhanced Unit Activity File**

- ORIS/Unit ID
- Facility Name, State, Region
- Fuel/Unit Type
- Activity Data

   Annually and OS
- Emissions Data
  - 🗆 NOx, SO2
  - □ Annually and OS
- Other data
  - Lat/longs
  - Retirement dates

- May be used for QA
- Can be manipulated into charts and spreadsheets
- Compared with inventory estimates





# **Pivot Table Options**







# **Pivot Table Options, Facility Level**





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# **Pivot Table Options, Unit Level**





# Questions? Comments? Thoughts?

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